

SEMINOLE TRACKS

LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT NATURAL LANDS PROGRAM NEWSLETTER

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY! FREE GUIDED HIKE

Help us celebrate **National Public Lands Day** by getting outdoors on the trails and join us for a **FREE GUIDED HIKE @ Black Bear Wilderness Area!**

* This is a 7.1 mile loop trail with rough terrain. <u>Children must be at least 10 years of age</u> and accompanied by an adult.* Make sure to bring water, bug repellant, and wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes!

When: September 24th Time: 8:00am-11:00am

Location: Black Bear Wilderness Area

5298 Michigan Ave, Sanford 32771

Cost: FREE Call 407.349.0959 to make a reservation.

Space is limited to 15 participants!

HOLIDAY "PARENTS TIME OUT"

Need time to Christmas shop without the kids? Drop the kids off at the Nature Center and they'll enjoy hiking, fishing, nature crafts and more while YOU shop till you drop! You must register at one of our active parks (Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, or Sylvan Lake Park). **Registration Deadline December 6**th.

When: December 10th

Where: Ed Yarborough Nature Center

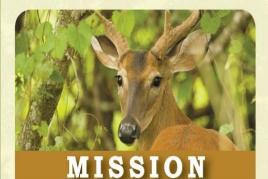
3485 N. County Road 426

Geneva 32732

Ages: 6-12

Time: 10:00am-4:00pm **Cost**: \$30 per child





We enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors by providing excellent parks, recreation, greenways, natural lands and preservation of heritage for present and future generations.

Visit the Natural Lands Web site www.seminolecountyfl.gov/natland

Winter Break Eco Adventure Camp!

January 3rd thru January 6th

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center,

3485 N. County Road 426, Geneva, FL 32732

Cost: \$132 /wk Extended day: \$15/wk

Hours: 9:00am-4:00pm (**Extended Day:** 7:30am-5:30pm)

Scholarships available through: Seminole County: (407)665-2170

Audubon Society: (407)797-4636 or seminoleaudubon@gmail.com

Cuplet Fern Society <u>hethflw@aol.com</u>

Rent the Geneva Wilderness Area Campus for your next event!

Rental includes the Nature Center,
Large pavilion with fans and
restrooms, a fishing pier and 2 miles
of trails!

Call (407)349-0959 for more information!

Guided Hikes

Join us for a nature walk and experience the beauty of our natural lands. Our guides will tell you about the special habitats and the creatures that live in that area. If you're lucky you might even get to meet a few of them! Get outdoors and experience all that Seminole County has to offer. Make sure to bring water, bug repellant, and wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes!

Space is limited, <u>advance registration required</u>. Children must be at least 7 years of age and accompanied by an adult.

Cost: \$3 per person. <u>Pre-registration is required for all hikes, space is limited</u>. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Register at any active park (Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando Park, or Sylvan Lake Park)

September 17th Swamp Walk 8:00 am - 10:00 am @ Spring Hammock Preserve

*September 24th National Public Lands Day 8:00am-11:00am @ *Black Bear Wilderness Area

Free Morning Hike

November 5th Plants and Their Purpose 8:00am-10:00am @ Econ River Wilderness Area
November 12th Birds & Bagels Hike 7:30am-9:30am @ Lake Harney Wilderness Area

*November 19th Morning Hike 8:00am-11:00am @ *Black Bear Wilderness Area

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Nature Classes

*Pre-registration is required for all classes. Register at any active Park (Red Bug Lake Park, Sanlando, or Sylvan Lake Park)

All Classes held at the Geneva Wilderness Area, Ed Yarborough Nature Center

3485 N. County Road 426 Geneva 32732

For information, call 407-349-0959

Reptiles of Florida

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center Date/Time: September 3rd, 9:00am-12noon

\$5 per person Cost:

7 and up children must be accompanied Ages:

by an adult)

Join a local expert as he gives an introduction to and dispels some of the myths about these often misunderstood cold blooded residents!! Open to ages 7 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Insect Adventure Class!

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center

Date/Time: September 10th, 9:00am-11:00am

\$5 per child

Ages: 6-10 (children must be accompanied by

an adult)

Do you want to learn about this large, interesting, and diverse group of animals? Join us and learn all about these fascinating creatures! You will also go on a hike to see what insects you can find!

Geocaching 101

A Beginners-level course on Geocaching!

October 8th When: 9:00am - Noon Time:

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center

FRFF Cost:

10 and up. (Children must be Ages:

accompanied by an adult.)

Young & old alike can enjoy this modern-day game of "hide and seek" using GPS coordinates for clues. Learn about Geocaching and then go out and find special "caches" that have been placed on the property just for

Only 20 spaces available so call to register NOW 407.349.0959

The Story Behind the "Shot"

When: October 15th Time: 9:00am-11:00am

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center

Cost: **FREE**

Ages: Open to the Public. Children must be

accompanied by an adult

Join local photographers and see some of the amazing photos they have taken in nature. They will share some of their favorite "shots" and tell where they were taken. Hear about the challenges, and sometimes entertaining escapades of photographing wildlife.

Dog Safety in the woods and on the Trail

When: October 22nd Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center

Cost: \$5 per person

Ages: 10 and up. (Children must be accompanied

by an adult)

Bring your "best friend" (on leash) and learn how to be safe on the trails when hiking with your pet. Learn the basics of hiking with your dog, trail etiquette & safety, what to do before, during and after the hike to keep your dog happy and healthy!

Only 20 spaces available so register NOW!

Orienteering Class

When: December 3rd Time: 9:00am-Noon

Location: Ed Yarborough Nature Center

Cost: \$5 per child

9-12 (children must be accompanied Ages:

by an adult)

Come and learn how to navigate just using a map and compass. We will use our new skill to find the treasure!!! Class limited to 15 Children, so sign up soon!!

*Birthday Parties at the Ed Yarborough Nature Center in Geneva * Scouting Programs/Hikes* Public and Private School field trips * Eco Programs at your school/classroom * Private day and night hikes for groups of 15-25

Call (407)349-0959 for more information!

Wilderness Area Property Addresses

Geneva, 3485 N. County Road 426, Geneva 32732 Chuluota, 3895 Curryville Rd, Chuluota 32766

Spring Hammock Preserve, 2985 Osprey Trail, Longwood 32750

Lake Harney, 2395 Osceola Fish Camp Rd, Geneva 32732

Lake Proctor, 920 E. SR 46, Geneva 32732

Black Bear, 5298 Michigan Ave, Sanford, FL 32771 Black Hammock, 3276 Howard Ave, Oviedo, FL 32765 Econ River, 3795 Old Lockwood Rd, Oviedo, FL 32765 Lake Jesup, 5951 Sanford Ave, Sanford, FL 32773



